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## WELCOME

Newsletter - November 2021

*Thank you for your interest in the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department's newsletter. We will be bringing you periodic updates on the latest news, information and events affecting the department. I am honored and privileged to serve as your County Clerk-Recorder. Please contact my office at (714) 834-2500 or visit us at [OCRecorder.com](http://OCRecorder.com) for more information about the department and the services provided to the public.*

*Sincerely,*

*Hugh Nguyen  
County Clerk-Recorder*

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**ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER**

**CALL CENTER**

**WE ARE HERE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

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# NEWS



## ORANGE COUNTY'S FIRST-EVER FEMALE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY VISITS ARCHIVES EXHIBIT HIGHLIGHTING HER ACCOMPLISHMENT

On November 19, Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen had the honor and privilege of receiving Alice Chandler, who became Orange County's first-ever female sheriff's deputy, to visit the Orange County Archives to view an exhibit highlighting her storied career and historic accomplishment. Clerk-Recorder Nguyen would like to thank Orange County Sheriff Don Barnes for joining him during this special visit, and his staff at the Orange County Archives for doing a wonderful job with putting together a great exhibit displaying Alice Chandler's breakthrough accomplishment and life.

Alice spent her formative years on the Irvine Ranch, including chasing off trespassing hunters and fishermen. On August 1, 1949, Orange County Sheriff Jim Musick validated her efforts by officially making her a sheriff's deputy. Ms. Chandler was also a successful dog breeder, accomplished pilot, and a rodeo star.

Alice Chandler: Orange County Original will be on display at the Orange County Archives through the end of January 2022. The exhibit is located in the first-floor lobby of the Old Orange County Courthouse at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. in Santa Ana. The exhibit is open to the public on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 pm.

[OCArchives.com](http://OCArchives.com)

# Interested in getting a passport?



## ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER DEPARTMENT

# PASSPORT SERVICES

**Available By Appointment Only @  
Two Convenient Locations**



**North County Branch Office**  
Wells Fargo Building  
222 S. Harbor Blvd., Ste. 110  
Anaheim, CA 92805

Available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday - Friday



**Old County Courthouse**  
Downtown Santa Ana  
211 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Room 201  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

- *Only new passport applications will be accepted.*
- *No renewal applications will be accepted by our office.*
- *Passport processing times by the U.S. Department of State can take up to 11 weeks from the date of acceptance by our office. Please plan your travel accordingly.*
- *Must complete your application online prior to visiting our office.*
- *Must bring completed hard copy application to appointment.*

For more information and to make an appointment visit:



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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of November:



Recently, my staff joined in welcoming Nhan Ai Pharmacy to the Westminster business community and congratulating them on their grand opening. I wish them great success in providing the best pharmaceutical care to residents living throughout the County of Orange.



My outreach team was able to join the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and other dignitaries to congratulate Avid Hospice and wish them the very best while providing the most compassionate care, bringing quality of life and the most comprehensive support to families and loved ones.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the month of November:



Thank you to Senator Pat Bates for your certificates of recognition and for congratulating our department on our National Association of Counties Awards in the categories of Information Technology and in County Administration & Management. I want to thank all my staff and our community partners for making these awards possible.

# AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS



## Orange County Clerk-Recorder *Employee of the Month*



**Congratulations!**  
**Adriana Gomez**

**Dedicated to Providing Excellent Customer Service**

Each month we recognize an employee who goes above and beyond their normal duties and offers excellent service to our customers. The Employee of the Month receives a certificate of recognition, has their name placed on a recognition plaque and may dress casual during their month of recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to announce Adriana Gomez as the Employee of the Month for November.

Adriana is currently assigned to the marriage license recording desk at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana. The recording desk is an integral part of the marriages unit and requires a person with attention to detail who is trustworthy, dependable, and knowledgeable to complete the job duties. A marriage license is triple checked before recording and must be recorded in a timely manner. Adriana has been assigned at the recording desk for nearly a month. During this short time, Adriana has been able to quickly grasp and accurately execute the duties of this desk with great success. She has excelled at her responsibilities with minimal supervision. She has quickly become knowledgeable with the state Family Code to ensure the accuracy and completeness of each marriage license that she records. Her recording rate stands at 100 to 250 marriage licenses a day including licenses received via mail and in house ceremonies.

Adriana always volunteers to cover our North County passport unit and, on several occasions, has volunteered to come in early and/or work late to get the job done. Her willingness to be flexible and available to take on any last-minute assignments makes Adriana a valued member of the department's Marriage and Passport Units. Her reliability, dependability, and effectiveness are a great example for others to follow. Her contributions to the department in such a short amount of time do not go unnoticed. Her strong work ethic and ability to quickly adapt to her work assignments have made Adriana an asset to the department.

Please join me in congratulating Adriana on her achievement!

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# CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING...

**One of our customers wrote the following review for my staff at the County Service Center. Thank you for your hard work!**

The following review was received through the department's Google Business Account:

**Tannie Duong**

★★★★★ 7 days ago

One of the best experiences I've ever had visiting a government office. Got my official birth certificate in less than 20 minutes. Literally, there wasn't even a wait time. Got in early by 9 or 10 am 2 weeks ago, and there wasn't a line. They are actually really nice in the office too. Someone approached me directly when they noticed I was confused and offered assistance -- I've never had that happen before. This office is top-notch. Fast, efficient, and courteous. I wish all dmV, passport, and US postal office places operated in the same fashion.

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# NOVEMBER IN O.C. HISTORY



Santa Ana's first Parade of Products in 1905. The parade highlighted the city's industries – most notably agriculture. (Photo courtesy of the Orange County Archives)

**Nov. 7, 1836**

After a rebellion led by Juan Bautista Alvarado, California was declared the Free and Sovereign State of Alta California. But under threat of war, the new nation soon returned to the fold as part of Mexico again.

**Nov. 11, 1926**

The Spanish-American War monument in Irvine Park was dedicated. It includes metal taken from the U.S.S. Maine. The sinking of the Maine in Cuba in 1898 helped trigger the war's beginning.

**Nov. 15, 1945**

The Santa Ana Army Air Base closed. This WWII-era facility provided ground training for pilots and other air crew. Today, the Orange County Fairgrounds, Orange Coast College, and Vanguard University occupy some of the footprint of the old base.

**Nov. 22, 1905**

Santa Ana celebrated the arrival of the Pacific Electric Red Car line with a "Parade of Products," fireworks, and a banquet.

**Nov. 28, 1905**

S.O. Walker filed a tract map to create the town of Cypress. This rural area had been known as Cypress (among other names) since at least 1896 when the Cypress School District was established.

Historical facts provided by Assistant Archivist Chris Jepsen.

Photo: Courtesy of the Orange County Archives.

Courtesy of the Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen.

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# OUT AND ABOUT



One of my staff took this photo at Zion National Park in Utah on a recent trip.

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